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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE KOREAN INTEREST IN A-7 AIRCRAFT

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1. LTV MANAGER FOR INTE
NATIONAL OPERATIONS B.W. MARSHALL
VISITED SEOUL AUG 1-6 IN ATTEMPT TO DETERMINE IF ROKG
STILL INTERESTED IN A-7. IN SEPARATE DISCUSSIONS MARSHALL
TOLD CHIEF JUSMAG AND POLCOUNS THAT ROKG DID NOT APPEAR
ABLE TO PURCHASE A-7 AT PRESENT TIME. MARSHALL SAID THAT
ROKAF CHIEF OF STAFF HAD INFORMED HIM THAT ROK MUST FIRST
TAKE CARE OF AIR-TO-AIR REQUIREMENTS THROUGH FMS PURCHASE
F-5E/F AND F4E AIRCRAFT BEFORE EXPENDING RESOURCES ON
ATTACK AIRCRAFT.

2. MARSHALL SAID THAT LTV HAD PUT ROK IN TOUCH WITH
EUROPEAN SOURCE OF FUNDS (MARSHALL BELIEVES
ARAB MONEY INVOLVED). HOWEVER, HE STATES THAT ROKG
UNABLE TO SECURE LOAN AT SATISFACTORY INTEREST RATE.
MARSHALL TOLD CHIEF JUSMAG THAT ALTHOUGH ROK CREDIT
GOOD, WAR RISK FACTOR WAS OBSTACLE TO LOAN IN GENERAL AND
TO FAVORABLE TERMS OF LOAN.

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3. MARSHALL NOTED THAT ROKG HAS REQUIREMENT
FOR ATTACK AIRCRAFT AND THAT LTV STILL CONSIDERS A-7
POTENTIAL CANDIDATE. HE PROVIDED MND PRICING ESTIMATES
FOR 36 AND 54 AIRCRAFT AT \$172.5 MILLION AND \$263.6

MILLION RESPECTIVELY PLUS USG ADD-ONS FOR PCH&T AND
R&D RECOUPMENTS OF \$13.2 MILLION AND \$19.2 MILLION.

4. FYI: MND FORCE IMPROVEMENT REQUIREMENTS LIST 60 F-X
AND 18A-X AIRCRAFT FOR FY-79-80 FUNDING. JUSMAG/K
BELIEVES THESE AIRCRAFT TO BE F-16 AND A-10, SINCE
ROKAF HAS SHOWN INTEREST IN BOTH AIRCRAFT AND REQUESTED
PRICING DATA ON F-16. ROK OFFICIALS HAVE NOT REQUESTED
A-7 PRICING DATA THROUGH DSAA CHANNELS NOR LISTED THE
AIRCRAFT IN THE CURRENT
(AUG 7, 1975) ANNUAL PROGRAM
FOR FORCE IMPROVEMENT REQUIREMENTS (PRIORITY LIST)
DOCUMENT. ROKAF OFFICIALS HAVE NOT INDICATED ANY
SIGNIFICANT INTEREST IN OR REQUESTED DATA ON THE A-7.
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